

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, SEPTEMBER 2005

Amendments to the claims are presented on a separate paper.

In the previous office action dated August 4th, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claim 15 and claim 16 would be allowable if re-written to include the limitations of claims they depend from. Claim 15 is dependent upon claim 12, which is dependent upon claim 1. The limitations of claim 15 (and intervening claim 12) have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 19.

As claim 16 is dependent upon claim 15, which has been indicated to be allowable (with intervening claim 12), claim 16 is at this time only amended to depend from claim 1 rather than claim 15.

Claims 12 and 15 have been cancelled.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 USC Section 112, that claim is amended to clarify that the perforation line discussed is a first one of the plurality of perforation lines previously introduced.

It is believed that no new matter is introduced.

RESPONSEParagraph One

The applicant believes that the original Notice of Allowability was justified as discussed in previous exchanges, however, in order to expedite prosecution the applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 4th, 2005.

For this reason, applicant respectfully urges that the application is now in condition for

immediate allowance, and such action is requested.

Paragraph Two

The Examiner presently rejects claim 18 under 35 USC 112 for double introduction of a perforation line. The claim language is amended to clarify that the perforation line discussed is a first one of the plurality of perforation lines previously introduced.

For this reason the applicant respectfully urges that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is requested.

Paragraphs Three and Four

The Examiner presently rejects claims 1-4, 11-14, 18 and 19 under 35 USC 102(b) over the Nagao patent. In order to expedite prosecution the applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 4th, 2005, including the limitations of allowable claim 15 (and intervening claim 12) into independent claims 1 and 19.

For this reason, applicant respectfully urges that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is requested.

Paragraphs Five through Nine

The Examiner presently rejects claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-14, 18 and 19 under 35 USC 103 over the various Nagao, Hodgkinson, Creelman, Densen and/or Fiallo patents deemed obvious. In order to expedite prosecution the applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 4th, 2005, including the limitations of allowable claim 15 (and intervening claim 12) into independent claims 1 and 19.


For this reason, applicant respectfully urges that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is requested.

Paragraph Ten

The Examiner has indicated that claim 15 is allowable (also claim 16) if rewritten to include the limitations of any intervening claims (claim 12) and the base claim (claim 1). In order to expedite prosecution the applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner by including the limitations of allowable claim 15 (and intervening claim 12) into independent claims 1 and 19.

Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully urges that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is requested. The Examiner is respectfully urged to contact applicant's counsel, Craig W. Barber, PO Box 16220, Golden, Colorado, 80402-6004, 303-278-9973, fax 303-278-9977, with any questions or comments.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED SEPTEMBER 2005

1. (Currently Amended) A multi dimensioned easily adjustable single sheet container template with indicia for folding into a container having one of a plurality of different dimensions, the template comprising:
 - a single substantially rectangular sheet of packaging material;
 - the single rectangular sheet having a plurality of parallel vertical fold lines;
 - the single rectangular sheet having a plurality of parallel horizontal fold lines;
 - the single rectangular sheet being divided into a plurality of panels by the vertical and horizontal fold lines;
 - a plurality of perforation lines, each of the perforation lines extending along at least one side of at least one of the panels, each of the perforation lines colinear with at least one of the fold lines;
 - first and second unit distances, the second unit distance not equal to any integer multiple of the first unit distance, wherein parallel fold lines are separated by an integer multiple of the unit distances, wherein at least two fold lines are separated by the first unit distance and at least two fold lines are separated by the second unit distance, whereby the panels have dimensions which are also an integer multiple of the unit distances;
 - 1) a first set of indicia of a first subset of the plurality of fold lines and perforation lines, the single rectangular sheet when folded and cut according to the first set of indicia becoming the container having a first one of a plurality of different dimensions; and
 - 2) a second set of indicia of a second subset of the plurality of fold lines and perforation lines, the single rectangular sheet when folded and cut according to

the second set of indicia becoming the container and having a second one of the plurality of different dimensions.

2. (Previously Amended) The container template of claim 1, further comprising:
third, fourth and fifth sets of indicia allowing folding and cutting into respective third fourth and fifth different dimensions of containers.
3. (Previously Amended) The container template of claim 2, further comprising:
sixth through fifteenth sets of indicia allowing folding and cutting into respective sixth through twenty-fifth different dimensions of containers.
4. (Original) The container template of claim 1, wherein the indicia further comprise:
numbered designators of each of the plurality of fold lines and perforation lines.
5. (Original) The container template of claim 1, wherein the indicia further comprise:
lettered designators of each of the plurality of fold lines and perforation lines.
6. (Previously Amended) The container template of claim 4, wherein the indicia further comprise:
instructions indicating a set of steps to take to fold the container template into each of the plurality of differently dimensioned containers.
7. (Original) The container template of claim 1, wherein the indicia further comprise:
diagrams indicating the steps to take to fold the container template into each of the

plurality of differently dimensioned containers.

8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously Amended) The container template of claim 1, wherein the indicia further provide instruction as to the length of at least one of the perforation lines which is to be cut at a time of folding.
10. (Previously Amended) The container template of claim 1, wherein the indicia further provide dimensions of the container to be produced and further wherein the indicia provide instructions for folding and cutting based upon the dimensions of the container to be produced.
11. (Original) The container template of claim 1, wherein the material of the container template is one member selected from the group consisting of: single ply cardboard, multi-ply cardboard, corrugated cardboard, polymer, metal, composite materials, and combinations thereof.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Original) The container template of claim 12, wherein the integer multiple is one for every fold line of the container template, whereby each panel has dimensions which are the first unit distance.

14. (Original) The container template of claim 12, wherein there are at least two integer multiples of the first unit distance present on the container template, the two integer multiples separating different pairs of the parallel fold lines.
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Currently Amended) The container template of claim 1 +5, wherein the first unit distance and integer multiples thereof separates the parallel horizontal fold lines, and the second unit distance and integer multiples thereof separates the parallel vertical fold lines.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Previously Amended) The container template of claim 1, wherein at least one perforation line has a density of perforation allowing the user to do to the line one member selected by the user at a time of folding from the group consisting of: folding the perforation line, cutting the perforation line, and combinations thereof.
19. (Currently Amended) A multi dimensioned easily adjustable single sheet container template for folding into a container having one of a plurality of different dimensions , the template comprising:
 - a single substantially rectangular sheet of packaging material;
 - the single rectangular sheet having at least 16 parallel vertical fold lines;
 - the single rectangular sheet having at least 8 parallel horizontal fold lines;

the single rectangular sheet being divided into a plurality of panels by the vertical and horizontal fold lines;

a plurality of perforation lines, each of the perforation lines extending along at least one side of at least one of the panels, each of the perforation lines colinear with at least one of the fold lines;

first and second unit distances, the second unit distance not equal to any integer multiple of the first unit distance, wherein parallel fold lines are separated by an integer multiple of the unit distances, wherein at least two fold lines are separated by the first unit distance and at least two fold lines are separated by the second unit distance, whereby the panels have dimensions which are also an integer multiple of the unit distances;
~~wherein each fold line is separated from the next parallel fold line by an integer multiple of a first unit distance, whereby each of the panels has dimensions which are also an integer multiple of the first unit distance.~~

20. (Cancelled)